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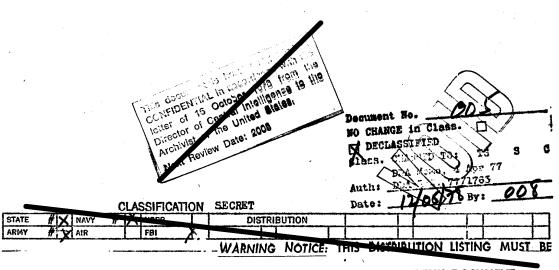
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1. Blas Manrique was deposed on 8 December as Secretary General of the Federal District Committee of the Mexican Communist Party and Director of the Party newspaper La Voz de Mexico, and was removed as a member of Political Bureau and the Central Committee. Comment. reported that Manrique might be ousted from his posts in the Party. members of the Central Committee were in favor of expelling Manrique from the Party altogether, but this action was not taken because a majority felt that control over his actions could be exercised better if he remained in the fold.

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- 2. Manrique's post as Director of La Voz de Mexico has been filled provisionally by Manuel Terrazas, and the latter's position as Administrator has been taken over by Ezequiel de la Cruz. Source expects the other posts held by Manrique to be filled in the immediate future.
- 3. The action against Manrique was taken on the grounds that he was totally lacking in discipline. As previously reported, some members of the Central Committee attribute this to subversion by his wife, Miriam Misky de Manrique, who is an American national. Others suspect that his wife is working as an espionage agent of the American government, basing this suspicion on the allegation that Manrique and his wife are in receipt of funds for which they cannot account.



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